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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re application of) Group Art Unit: 2854
Georg SCHNEIDER Wolfgang Otto REDER) Examiner: Leo T. Hinze
Application No. 10/582,606)
Filed June 12, 2006)
For: PRINTING BLANKET HAVING A DIMENSIONALLY STABLE CARRIER PLATE, A METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PRINTING BLANKET OF THIS TYPE, AND A PRINTING UNIT FOR A PRINTING MACHINE WITHOUT A DAMPING UNIT))))))

THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of May 22, 2008 in the subject U.S. patent application, applicant elects to prosecute, in this application, the invention or group of inventions identified by the Examiner as Group 30, claims 98, 110 and 111, as those claims are being concurrently amended. This election is made with traverse.

Please amend the subject U.S. patent application, as amended by the Preliminary

Amendment filed with the application and by the Second Preliminary Amendment filed August

24, 2006, as follows.